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For: **MULTI-LAYER DYE-SCAVENGING ARTICLE**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

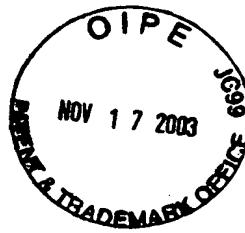
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response in the above-identified application.

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